



Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

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Severn Parishes Service Rota March 2022

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HC Holy Communion CW Common Worship
 BCP Book of Common Prayer MP Morning Prayer

March 2nd Ash Wednesday Service Hampton Lovett, 7.30pm

March 4th Women's World Day of Prayer Elmbridge, 2.00pm

Rector's Thoughts

It is not possible to avoid thinking about the recent business regarding parties in Downing Street during the lockdowns. After all we have all been involved in this matter from the start and we have all been affected by it. I looked back at my diary to see what I was doing on some of these dates and noted that I took a particularly tragic funeral the day after one of the more notorious events. Frankly, the thought that the people who were telling me that I could not allow more than a handful of people to attend the funeral which had to take place in a churchyard were busy getting drunk the night before it took place leaves a bitter taste in my mouth and I don't think that I will be forgetting this any time soon.

I promised to myself when I was appointed as Rector to these parishes in 2018 that I would stay clear of party politics and I don't intend to go back on this, but from time to time I think that it is worth spending a few moments to think about what we are asked to pray for when we pray for our government. I am not going to use a modern form of service in doing this just in case someone might think that I am a just a modern woolly, liberal sort of a man. No, my intention is to go back to the Book of Common Prayer of 1662. I don't think that what we pray for there has gone out of date. In fact, my respect for it has grown over the years.

The Prayer Book was over a hundred years in the making from its first edition composed by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and published during the reign of Edward VI in 1549 through to the final edition still used in our churches today that was published in 1662. This was a century of great turmoil in our national life. Archbishop Cranmer was himself burnt at the stake under the orders of Queen Mary as was the then Bishop of Worcester, Hugh Latimer, who died with him. And the 1662 Prayer Book was published at the end of the English Civil War during which King Charles I was beheaded. The great question of the day was how could a divided country be reunited. They did not get everything right but they tried. And the whole idea of having a book of *common prayer* was to try to create prayers that the whole country could say, Amen, to.

It is at the heart of the service of Holy Communion that the priest leads the people in a general intercession. This was deliberately written out in full to

prevent individual clergy from making use of these prayers to issue some sort of personal manifesto. The first paragraph is about unity in the church. No surprise there after a terrible war during which scholars estimate that a similar proportion of the population died as in the First World War and this on our own shores. The second paragraph is for the Queen and her ministers.

“We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and especially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.”

Now I could write at great length about each clause in this paragraph because it is absolutely packed with rich content, but I will try to focus upon one or two points. One is the prayer for *godly* and *quiet* government. Remember that this prayer was written after a time of terrible conflict. We can all understand the desire for quiet both then then and now. I will leave you to ponder what *godly government* might look like. All I would say is that if ever we have had a monarch who has exemplified this to the full then it would be our current Queen.

The other clause that I would like to ponder is for “her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her”. This, of course, means her ministers, her Prime, or First, Minister, and all her government. It also means the Houses of Parliament and, to a lesser degree, each local council in the land. It is not a prayer for the police as we do not live in a police state and the police do not administer justice. When the law is broken they will bring charges against those suspected of having committed an offence and it is the task of the judiciary to decide, sometimes with the aid of a jury, whether a suspect is guilty of breaking that law.

And what we pray for, and, might I add, what we should vote for, is a government that “truly and indifferently” ministers justice. In other words, it is a government that above everything else speaks the truth and acts according to the truth; and it is a government that does this *indifferently*. Now this is a word that has changed its meaning over the years but I rather like this old

word. It does not mean that we pray for a government that does not care, but for a government that does not favour anyone person over another. There is no privileged group of people who might expect to be favoured over ordinary little people. All are subject to the law of the land from the Queen, her family, the Prime Minister, and the rest of us too.

What extraordinary standards were expected of a government over 350 years ago. This prayer was agreed upon by Parliament in a time when this sort of thing was taken with great seriousness and this is still prayed for in our parishes to this day. I always pray it with a whole heart and I ask that you pray it too and that you expect it of your government.

Stephen Winter

The Lent Course 2022

You Shall Renew the Face of the Earth

There is an ancient prayer of the Church that perhaps we need to pray and to live (they are one and the same thing really) now more than ever.

Come, Holy Spirit, come, fill the hearts of your people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

In this year's Lent Course, we will be thinking about the renewal of our lives and the renewal of the earth, and how, through the work of the Holy Spirit, they are connected.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday this year on Wednesday 2nd of March and Lent Course groups will meet 5 times in Ombersley and Cutnall Green beginning on Wednesday 9th March, and Thursday 10th March. Watch out for more details in the weekly benefice e-newsletter, The Message. If you would like to subscribe to this newsletter please email Nicholas Wright at parishes7@btinternet.com

St Andrew's Parish News

www.st-andrews.church

There has been a quiet start to the year though we did have a lovely Christingle service with everyone making their own Christingle orange this time, and in case you need to know, dolly mixtures are really hard to put on a cocktail stick!

We have just passed Candlemas as I write this and the lights on the Church building have been turned off. Thank you to all those who donate toward the running of these over the darkest winter months. As is the way of all things, the lighting system is now no longer fit for purpose. We have had discussion with our lighting people and they can fit a much more eco LED system. We do need to decide if we can afford it, and whether we light the spire, tower and spire and or the Church itself? What do you want? Can you help us keep the lights on? Please let the Churchwardens or Treasurer know. Next winter is bound to arrive quicker than we'd like.

With the longer days and warmer weather already being noticeable and the hope that Covid really is on the way out, we can feel the energy and enthusiasm returning to our plans.

The SAS and Handbells have started again. Missing singing and music have been one of the harder aspects of the pandemic. If you would like to find out more, please contact Louise Robinson 01905 620995.

Mothering Sunday is on March 27th this year, and yes, the clocks do go forward that weekend. So, we will have a light breakfast at the beginning of the 10 am service; pastries and savory muffins have been requested so far.....please join us remembering and thanking all those who have 'mothered' us.

We are looking forward to **The Fete** being back! June 18th 1pm...put it in your diaries now! Pat King has taken on building a new committee and finding new volunteers, and they will need help running stalls, donating bottles, books, cakes, plants and more. There is more information elsewhere - don't miss out!

Before that is the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** weekend and we intend to have a special service on June 5th followed by a DIY picnic lunch. This is such an achievement of dedication and service that we will not see again in any of our lifetimes.

Celine Figard

Looking back now, do you remember the Celine Figard memorial garden? Woodcut media company will have filmed a short piece here for a Sky documentary during February and will have interviewed Canon Kerr and Andrew Horn as they were both there at the time.

It is nearly 25 years since the garden was dedicated in her memory, after her body was found in the woods near here. It is wildlife garden for her and all young people lost as victims of violence. We have had advice and potentially help from the lovely and enthusiastic Ben, a new member of the village who is also a wildlife expert. There are several things we can do to enhance the wildlife aspect of the garden, and also to maintain it as a place of quiet reflection for those that need it. There is a small amount of money left in the original fund to cover some of this, but to make this a real sanctuary we will need people willing to be involved to help keep a light touch into the future.

Active Coffee

Our first meeting of 2022 lead to lots of ideas, and a decision to try and create some 'crafty' things for the Fete on June 18th.

We had two types of book folding in February, and this month March 24th 10.30am Audrey will be teaching us silk painting again, please let us know if you are interested so we have room.

On Thursday March 10th at 2,30pm, you can continue with book folding, or whatever you are working on.

Reading the Feb magazine I noticed Margaret Peters went to 'Makin' and Yarnin' in Shetland....would that be a better name for us?

If you have ideas of crafts or projects or would like to try something, meet people or chat over coffee please come along. Fiona, 01905 621176

Parish Register

Baptism

January 9 th	Sophie Isabella Jaques
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Funeral

24 th January	Alwyn William Sanders
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Rota for St Andrew's Church

Date	Service	Sidesmen	Intercessor	Lector
March 6th	HC	Geoff & Audrey Axon	Stephen Winter	Jan Berry
March 13th	FS	Gill Griffiths, Jenny Ransome		
March 20th	MP	Claire Gathercole, Maureen Callow	Tony Checketts	Andrew Horn
March 27th	HC	Jane Hill, Angela Randle	Jenny Batelen	Liz Hooper
April 3rd	HC	Lucinda Kenny, Annabel Kenny	Stephen Winter	Chris Day

Flowers: No flowers (Lent)

Holy Dusters (Friday/Saturday)

March 4th: Gail Filler, Fiona Davies, Myra Cowdry
March 18th: Liz Hooper, Jeanette Horn, Di Sievwright
April 1st: Pernilla Asplen, Marjorie Workman, Heather Barningham
April 14th (Thursday): Fiona Davies, Liz Hooper, Myra Cowdry, Gail Filler
If you'd like to help, please ring Liz 01905 630837 or Fiona 01905 621176

PRAYING THE PARISH

If you have a particular need or things to be grateful for, please let us know:
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lay reader with pastoral responsibility for the Worcestershire Severn Parishes]



Areas for March:

Sunday 6th March – Racks Lane, Chapel Lane, Longheadland
Sunday 13th March – Uphampton, Northampton, Lineholt, Malvern View, Abberley View
Sunday 20th March – Doverdale, St Mary's Church, Sytchampton, Sytchampton School
Sunday 27th March – Those in our community who work in the NHS



OMBERSLEY
CHURCH & SCHOOL FETE

Saturday 18th June from 1.00pm
Save the date!

Helping at the Fete is a great way to meet and make friends,
and to be involved in village life!

The new organising team are working their socks off
to make it happen so please do offer support.

Volunteers are needed to help both before and on the day
when we plan to celebrate all that is best of the local area.

There will be stalls, games, crafts, the dog show,
local information, food & drink, and FUN!

If you think you can help, please get in touch
with Pat - patkingstudio@gmail.com
or Jean - 07709 956 881



Ombersley Memorial Village Hall

Important Dates for your Diary in 2022

Saturday 25th June

Ombersley Vintage Car Show & Queen's Platinum Anniversary

Book your stand and car NOW with Lesley by email

cherrytrees.1@btinternet.com

Saturday 26th November

Christmas Fayre

The Mockingbird Ball

25th June 2022

A very special event to raise money for a local charity, The Anna Wilkinson Mockingbird Trust

Held in the prestigious grounds of Ombersley Court, Ombersley, Worcestershire.

Sparkling drinks reception with canapés, three-course meal served at your table, coffee, breakfast roll, entertainment, fund-raising auction and live music.

Dress code: Black Tie

Reception: 18:30; Carriages: 02:00

Tickets £120

To buy a table of 10 tickets for this very special event contact Wendy on 07833463600 or visit our

website: theannawilkinsonmockingbirdtrust.co.uk

where you can also find out more about this local charity and what we do.

If you cannot attend but would still like to support the charity then please speak to Wendy about donating a raffle prize or item for the auction. Thank you.



A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre

In January 2022 there have been:

- 1,180 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 1,313 telephone consultations
- 9,929 medications issued
- 1,949 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 10,242 test results reviewed and actioned

Congratulations to Dr Hicks who has given birth to a healthy baby girl.

A warm welcome to Dr Alison Riley who has joined us as a salaried GP, and to Alex, our new Practice Nurse.

The practice still has a number of flu vaccinations available - please book in by 31st March to receive your free vaccine.



Ombersley Endowed First School and Pre-School



The first half term of 2022 has been an extremely busy one at Ombersley Endowed First School.

The whole school enjoyed a week learning about Chinese New Year and The Year of The Tiger. They all produced some beautiful work for a whole school display.

The children and staff also joined in for NSPCC Number Day; when we all wore a top with a number on and raised money for this very worthy cause. We also had a visit from some amazing students and teachers from New College Worcester, who held an assembly and put on workshops for all classes about the challenges of being visually impaired.

Book Week: During Book week, the whole school enjoyed lots of fun activities including sharing and swapping books, taking part in a reading challenge, a sponsored read. The children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character on World Book Day and also having a Pyjama Day when they enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits whilst listening to stories.

Early Years: Pre-school children have been enjoying welcoming in the spring season – they have had lots of fun outside with their coats and wellies on.

Reception children have also enjoyed learning about the changes in the weather from winter to spring through lots of fun outdoor activities. They are looking forward to their trip to The Black Country Museum.

Key Stage One: Year One have really enjoyed their Space topic this term. They enjoyed lots of stories about space as well as non-fiction about astronauts and planning a space buggy.

Year 2 enjoyed learning about Antarctica and the famous explorers who have travelled there. They also researched the 17 different types of penguins to create their own fact file.

This half term, year 1 and 2 have enjoyed learning how to play golf each week.

Key Stage Two: Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed learning about Romans this term. Year 3 have enjoyed an exciting trip to a Roman Villa. Year 4 are looking forward to their trip to Cirencester to enrich their topic. They have also been taking part in lots of extra sporting activities including rugby, football and boogie bounce.

The whole school are looking forward to being able to celebrate Easter in Ombersley Church again; this is one of the highlights of our year!

Scooters: Scooters continue to be very busy before and after school; They will be open over the Easter Holidays with lots of wonderful activities for children to join in with.

Admissions for 2022 and beyond: Mrs Moore continues to welcome new families to look around our school. Please get in touch if you would like to come to see us and have a look around the school.

Ombersley Women's League



Thursday 3 March

Table Flair – Briony Serrell

Briony will show us how to impress family and friends with beautiful arrangements.

Thursday 7 April

Caribbean Supper – Bob South

Enjoy a scrumptious Jambalaya meal amongst friends

Thursday 5 May

Hat Creations – Caroline Butcher

Caroline will tell us about the history of hats, their purpose, how they are made and what suits you. There will also be hats to try on!

Thursday 16 June

Picnic in the grounds of Ombersley Court

Thursday 7th July

How the Brain Works: How Knowing this can let you live your Best Life - Donna Jones

Donna is a Registered Nurse with her main focus on Hypnotherapy and Psychotherapy.

Please send information and articles for publication in the April Parish Magazine by **Thursday 10th March**

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
OMBERSLEY AND DOVERDALE PARISH COUNCIL
VACANCY

OMBERSLEY AND DOVEDALE PARISH COUNCIL: CLERK'S VACANCY

The Parish Council is seeking a self-motivated person to fill the role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council. 12 hours per week Salary: £14.90 to £16.75 per hour (based on experience & qualifications). Training is available.

The successful candidate will generally work from home but must be prepared to attend regular evening Parish Council Meetings (typically around 10 per year plus additional meetings as required in the region of 6 per annum). In addition some work may require meeting representatives and contractors on site during the daytime.

Applicants must have excellent communication skills, both written and verbal; the ability to understand and interpret local government law; possess skills in financial management; a willingness to learn and show a positive response to challenge and change. Experience in office IT is essential.

Local council benefits such as a pension scheme, training and holiday pay will apply. Further details and an application form can be obtained by contacting Judy Goodman the Chair of the Parish Council on 01905 620682 or judygoodman33@outlook.com before Monday 7th March 2022

Tea and Coffee Shop at Ombersley Memorial Hall

Tuesday 8 March, 2-4 pm

Thursday 24 March, 2-4 pm

Origins of the names of some of the houses in Ombersley: Part 2

South from the roundabout:

The Vicarage: Late 18th century with 1840 additions.

Church Villas: also known as Church Room and cottages, or Church Terrace. Built 1690, the Church room was split and divided between two cottages in the 1980/90s. Owned by the Ombersley Church Houses Trust.

Red Marley, Kelso and The Storks:* Reasons for naming unknown.

*Kelso is now known as Leigh House after the town in Lancashire where the husband of the current owner came from. The Storks had two stone storks as statues at the entrance.

Tresco; The Grafters: Reason for naming unknown.

King's Arms: Charles 2nd stayed here (allegedly) after the Battle of Worcester.

Further Afield:

On the Holt Fleet Road:

Stirline House: Refers to the Little Marchioness's claim to this title.

The Dower House: Bought by the 5th Baron in 1905 and restored. His sister lived there, hence the name Dower House.

Vine Cottage: William Sandys was a great friend of Henry VIII who created him Baron Sandys de Vyne in 1523. The Vyne in Basingstoke is now owned by The National Trust.

Raymond House: Raymond - surname of 1st husband (2nd Lord) of the Little Marchioness's great aunt and Godmother, Mary, née Blundell.

Shrubbery House: Reason for naming unknown.

Orford Lodge: The Earl of Orford was great-uncle to the 1st Lady Sandys, Letitia, née Tipping.

On Parsonage Lane

Cubbold House and Cubbold Cottages: Named after the adjacent field: Cubbold Field.

Brick Kiln Piece: The name of the field on which the house sits.

Whitneys Farm House: Owned by the same family since about 1348, the last direct descendant was Jane Whitney, who died in 1905.

The Old Parsonage: Never a parsonage, but took the name from the lane as an aggrandisement sometime during the late 19th Century. Originally, the land about was farmed by a John Parsons in the Middle Ages.

Cleeches: Stables for the Parsonage. Named after the old copyhold tenancy name of the original owners.

Barnum Meadow: Named by the first owner, after its conversion from the dog kennels for the Parsonage. She was an ice-skater and liked Torvil and Dean who danced to music from "Barnum" the Musical.

David Collier (Ombersley History Group) has more information. If you want to know more or share your own information, email David at drdcollier@gmail.com.

Can you help us?

Ombersley Memorial Village Hall is looking for more volunteers to help us with the day-to-day running of the hall.

We need hands-on volunteers who are willing to give an hour or two each month to get involved.

The hall is a registered Charity and we also run the local
Community Tea Shop.

We rely on the kindness and generosity of local
people to help with the smooth running of the hall.

If you are interested in helping us, please contact Lesley by email at

cherrytrees.1@btinternet.com

or call on 0777 311 4830



Ombersley Endowed First School Lloyds Foundation Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Lloyds Foundation Governors at OEFS and are seeking nominations for enthusiastic and committed local individuals to join our Governing Board. There are no qualifications for the role, but we welcome all expertise, especially in HR.

The Governing Board's main tasks are to support the school, ensure that all pupils receive a high-quality education and plan for future development and improvement. Governor meetings are normally held at the school (~7 per year) and Governors are occasionally required to visit the school during the day for monitoring visits and are encouraged to support school events, where possible. We offer new governors a supportive induction and opportunities for further training.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact the Clerk of Governors (clerk@ombersley.worcs.sch.uk) for any further details and a nomination form.



Ombersley & Doverdale Tennis Club Public Court Hire



Did you know that even if you are not a member at the Club you can still book a court to play? It only costs £7 per hour for up to four people. If you'd like to hire a court, please visit our website:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ombersleydoverdaletennisclub>

Click on 'booking' and follow the process for booking and payment to receive your code to access the courts. During the hours of darkness, the floodlights are programmed to automatically come on if a court is booked and an extra charge of £2 per half hour will be added to your booking.

NB Bookings are for a **maximum** of 4 people.

Ombersley Memories

Moving to the village in the 1950s, as a child I was soon to discover what a varied natural habitat I had around me. I discovered small meadows, parkland, woodland, brooks, lakes and streams, river meadows and even a small waterfall, if you knew where to look.

I was brought up with a father who was keen on ornithology and so I was always fascinated by the birds that were to be heard and seen around the village.

The resident population of sparrows, blackbirds and the other small birds were plentiful; however, the local skylarks, lapwings, linnets and yellow hammers have now disappeared. There were plenty of corvids and it seems that they have managed to survive. The rookery is still in the church wood and although the old elm trees have long since vanished, jackdaws seem to be using chimneys instead.

Tawny owls would call from the wood and little owls could be found in the hedgerows. You could not walk the field headlands without coming across a thrush's anvil surrounded by snail shells. Herons were nesting along the Droitwich Road by Westwood Lake.

The summer visitors would arrive and one would wait for the first swallow to appear on its favoured telephone wire. They would soon be followed by the martins and swifts, and many summer visitors to the area. Those of a certain age will recall screeching flights of swifts that would race from the Kings Arms to the roundabout return over the wood and back down again. It was one of the first signs that summer was almost over. House martins had a colony nesting under the Holt Bridge and sand martins nested in the bank further downstream.

I have to mention my favourite summer visitors which now sadly seem to have disappeared. The cuckoo was plentiful and the male's call could be heard all around. I did not hear one in the village at all in the spring of 2021. The turtle dove was a common visitor again with its memorable call and we had many spotted flycatchers around but now they too have disappeared.

Sadly, my memories are not ones my children are likely to share, but on the positive side they will have seen buzzards and have discovered the joys of feeding birds to see what turns up at the bird table.

Steve Hopkins

From the Archive: January 1992

'Mobile Surgery'

The Ombersley surgery moves again. Readers may be interested to know the history.

The Elms on the Kidderminster Road housed the surgery for a number of years prior to the Second World War, the names of Dr Eden and Dr Ashton coming to mind, followed by Dr Ashe. Latterly, the surgery was housed in a wooden building on the north side of the house near the road.

After his marriage, Dr Ashe moved to the Dower House and the wooden building moved with him. After his death, The Elms again became the doctor's residence and in about 1942 the building was moved back there, but placed somewhat further from the road. First, there was a lady, Dr Pooley, and then for three years, Dr Pawson. In 1947, Dr Stuart Smith took over the practice and was appointed as the NHS doctor from the start of the service on 5th July 1948.

In 1958 Dr Stuart Smith moved to Cubbold House (Tenbury Road) where a good many years previously Dr Hughes had lived. The old wooden surgery was again transported. This was its last journey and it had given valiant service. It was replaced a little later by the brick building built in record time by H Baylis and Sons, who provided a temporary building in the front drive, but alas, the waiting room had to be provided in the garage!

From the time that Dr Brownridge joined the practice, it was evident that the new premises were now too small and subsequent changes in the NHS were to emphasise this. So, time marches on and in almost full circle the surgery has returned to the Kidderminster Road.

Hastings House is an appropriate name commemorating Dr Charles Hastings who founded the British Medical Association in Worcester Royal Infirmary in 1832.

Note: The current Medical Centre was opened in 2006. Hastings House is now apartments. The article published in the 1992 Parish Magazine was unsigned.

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, DOVERDALE

CHURCHWARDEN:	Mr. R. Coppini	Tel: 620963
LICENSED LAY READER:	Mr. Richard Jeynes	Tel: 620441
TREASURER:	Mr. D. Hawkins	Tel: 620059
SECRETARY PCC:	Mr. G. Crow	Tel: 772850
Sidesmen:	Mrs V. Harris, Mr. C. Harris, Mr G. Crow, Mrs S. Crow, Mr J. Chapman, Mrs A. Chapman, Mrs W. Hawkins	
Organist:	Mrs L. Moyse	

CLEANING ROTA	MARCH	Sue Crow, Wendy Hawkins
FLOWER ROTA	MARCH	6 th / 13 th / 20 th / LENT: No flowers
	March 27 th Mothering Sunday. Posies of flowers	

PARISH REGISTER

INTERMENT OF ASHES : January 15th 2022

Philip Richard Amphlett

SERVICES

Sunday 6 th March First of Lent	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mrs. V. Harris, Mr. R. Coppini Sidesperson: Mr. G. Crow Readings: Deut.26(1-11) & Luke 4 (1-13)
Sunday 13 th March 2 nd of Lent	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mr. J. Chapman, Mrs. V. Harris Sidesperson: Mrs. A. Chapman Readings: Gen 15(1-12) & (17-18) & Luke 13(31-end)
Sunday 20 th March 3 rd of Lent	11.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Lectors: Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson: Mr. C. Harris Readings: Isa. 55(1-9) & Luke 13(1-9)
Sunday 27 th 4 th of Lent	11.00 a.m.	Lectors: Mrs. A. Chapman, Mrs. S. Crow Sidesperson: Mr. J. Chapman

Mothering Sunday	Mothering Sunday Service	Readings: Exodus 2(1-10) & John 19 (25-27)
Sunday 3 rd April 5 th of Lent Passiontide Begins	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mrs. V. Harris Mr. R. Coppini Sidesperson: Mrs. V. Harris Readings: Isa. 43(16-21) & John 12(1-8)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

St Mary's first PCC meeting of the New Year was held on Monday 10th. January in St Andrew's Narthex, Ombersley. Revd. Stephen Winter chaired the meeting which he opened with a short prayer. No apologies were heard as a full complement of members were present. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and duly signed and matters arising dealt with.

David Hawkins gave his last update on finances to the PCC as he retired as Treasurer at the end of December last. Geoff Crow thanked him on behalf of all the PCC for his hard work and dedication over the last 10 years. An interim Treasurer is in place until the position is filled.

Geoff Crow then reported on Fabric matters. Members were appraised of the Archdeacon's guidance following the church wall inspection. Also, repairs should be starting soon on the West End foundation. Stephen thanked Geoff for his hard work in overseeing these projects.

Church services were then discussed. It was decided to re-instate the 2nd Sunday Service, at least for the time being. Richard Jeynes has kindly agreed to take this service with help from other Lay Readers in the Benefice, if necessary. Following the recent move of organist David Terry, St Mary's now has an organist on the 3rd Sunday only. David Hawkins read out a letter received from David in which he expressed his thanks for his surprise presentation and parting gift. The date of the next PCC was arranged together with the AGM in April.

NEXT PCC MEETING: Monday 28th March at 7.00p.m. in Ombersley Narthex.

AGM: Monday 9th May at 7.00p.m. in Ombersley Narthex. Vestry Meeting followed by AGM.

Stephen closed the meeting with a Blessing.

LETTER FROM DAVID TERRY

I was most touched to receive the message in the card from the congregation at Doverdale which Richard Jeynes presented to me after Morning Prayer on Sunday 7th November. Also, most generous to give me a cheque.

I had never before been to Doverdale until Arthur Dowty approached me at Kidderminster St Mary's after a Civic Service and asked if I could perhaps join the rota and take on the junior role of 5th Sunday organist at his church. Knowing that 5th Sundays were only occasionally, I was happy to accept especially with the promise of a prayer book service.

I think there are/were another 2 or 3 organists in the rota, so hope I have progressed to a sort of middle ranking position now! I am so glad that I accepted Arthur's offer.

It has been a pleasure to play some of the wide repertoire for manuals only organs on the little Doverdale organ which has enormous scope for interpretation given that it has only 3 stops. Also, of course, to support the services which include canticles and psalmody which are now so little heard even in the Cathedral sector.

Indeed, it has been a pleasure and one that I shall miss. Thank you all for your support and especial kindness in remembering me this way.

In returning to Yorkshire, Ruth and I will be back with earlier generations of our families, but whilst that will be a comfort to look forward to, I shall always remember with much happiness my friends in the Midlands and especially my friends at Doverdale.

Thank you all again and my good wishes to hope that the church in Doverdale will continue to prosper.

Yours very truly, David

Please send information and articles for publication in the April Parish Magazine by **Thursday 10th March**

Sytchampton Endowed Primary School



Worcester Warrior Community Sessions

Despite the recent uplift in COVID infections, which has now affected half of our pupils, we are really pleased that we have been able to continue welcoming Worcester Rugby Club into our school to run Curriculum Sessions and an after-school club. We have also been invited to play a tag rugby demonstration game at half time in the Worcester Warriors v Exeter Chiefs game at Sixways on 12th March. There is also the once in a lifetime opportunity for our children to be match mascots and run out with the players, and form part of the guard of honour the players run out through! We will hopefully share some pictures of this in our next newsletter!

Little Owl Farm Visit

We were extremely fortunate to have some special visitors come into school in the first part of the Spring Term, courtesy of Little Owl Farm Park! Both our pupils and staff fell in love with the baby pigs and goats.



Worcester Education Awards

We are extremely proud to announce, that our wonderful School Business Manager, Mrs Bishop, has been shortlisted for a 'Support Staff of The Year Award' at the Worcestershire Education Awards which are due to take place online on 24th February on the Worcestershire News Facebook Page. Please do join the online event to lend your support!

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